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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In July 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Justine E. Switzer** (HC60136148) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia, bail jumping, operating vehicle without insurance, driving while license suspended on more than one occasion, and driving under the influence on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Clark County

In June 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Carolyn Boundey** (RN00060601).

In July 2010 the Board of Psychology and the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Program released **Christopher K. Johnson** (PY00000813, FC00000075) from terms and conditions set against his licenses.

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Denis James Thompson** (CO60158286) and placed conditions against his credential. Terms and conditions were previously placed against his counselor registration.

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Cowlitz County

In July 2010 the Registered Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Brad Lance Jensen** (RC60023340).

King County

In July 2010 the Registered Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Kevin B. Baker** (RC60082373).

In June 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Monica Denice Blansett**, also known as Monica D. Hopper (LP00044115), and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2010 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Ronald Brun** (DE00010828) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when he created an inappropriate treatment plan for a patient, and failed to keep adequate documents of the patient's condition.

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kennith Wayne Fowler** (CO60155876) and placed his certification on probation until April 2012. In 2009 his credential to practice as a registered counselor was placed on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In June 2010 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacy technician **Sara M. Gagliardo** (VA00067549) on probation for five years. She was arrested for unlawful possession of a controlled substance — heroin, and admitted using illegally obtained narcotics. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Ki Hyun Oh** (MD00027211) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to evaluate a patient's condition further, and failed to follow the advice of radiologic consultants resulting in a misdiagnosis.

Kitsap County

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Carl T. Carter** (NC10101727) and placed conditions against his credential.

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Reba Lee Harris** (CO60154127) and placed her certification on probation for five years. She was convicted of driving while license suspended, prostitution, and theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Stephen Leslie Jones** (NA60113884) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of driving under

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the influence on more than one occasion, and driving with a suspended license. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Lincoln County

In July 2010 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Steven Finkbeiner** (ES00126276) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of burglary.

Pierce County

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Theresa Michelle Stach** (CO60154045) and placed her certification on probation until August 2012. In August 2009 her credential to practice as a registered counselor was placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Skagit County

In July 2010 the Secretary of Health placed the license of physician **Wirt A. Hines, III** (MD00045767) on probation for seven years. He was convicted of criminal attempt of sexual assault on a child. He must comply with the terms, conditions, and restrictions set against his license.

Spokane County

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the certification of chemical dependency professional trainee **Michael Angelo Arcondizzi** (CO60156843) and placed the credential on probation for three years. In 2008 terms and conditions were placed against his counselor registration. He must comply with terms and conditions placed against his certification.

In July 2010 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged paramedic **Ronald D. Clinger** (ES00109678) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of reckless driving, negligent driving, and criminal assistance.

In July 2010 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program granted the application of **Eric Wayne Cook** (CG60152071) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of riot and must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Phillip Warren Jarrell** (CO60158093) and placed his certification on probation for two years. He was convicted of possession with intent to deliver — methamphetamine. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

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In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Ricky Rorie** (CO60130412) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of three counts of riot-deadly weapon. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Thurston County

In July 2010 the Nursing Commission placed the licenses of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **John A. Cranton** (RN00121831, NP30006521-FNP) on probation for one year. He blurred professional boundaries by entering into a nurse-patient relationship with a person with whom he had a personal and sexual relationship. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his licenses.

Whatcom County

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Raymond J. U. Hite** (CO60163929) and placed his certification on probation. In February 2010 conditions were placed against his counselor registration. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Yakima County

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kenneth David Braconnier**, **Sr.** (CO60154950) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle, and assault.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Tammy Lee Roybal** (NA00034877) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of two counts of identity theft.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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